2024 Community Grants
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **May we submit a proposal for capital projects including purchasing of real estate, infrastructure, buildings or renovation of buildings with the intent for use for opioid abatement services found in Attachment A of the Announcement of Funding?**
   This matter will be discussed at the August 22, 2023 Opioid Abatement Council meeting. We anticipate a decision to be made on that day and will update our response to this FAQ accordingly. We encourage all applicants to continue to monitor the FAQs throughout the application process for any additional updates.

2. **My agency would like to request funding for 2 or more strategies. Should we submit a single application or multiple applications?**
   This is entirely up to the Proposer on how best to organize and present the projects to the Opioid Abatement Council. There are several factors the Proposer might want to consider, including but not limited to:
   - Are the projects inter-related or stand-alone?
   - Would the budget and/or budget justification be simplified or complicated by submitting multiple strategies in one application?
   - Do the projects serve the same or different geographical areas and/or populations?
   - Will the word limits not allow for a full description of the projects?

3. **My agency operates multiple locations and the funds requested will serve all locations. Should we submit a single application or an application for each location?**
   This is entirely up to the Proposer on how best to organize and present the project to the Opioid Abatement Council. If the same project is serving all locations, it is permissible to submit a single application.

4. **To ensure we have access to the Sub-Recipient Grant Management Enterprise Solution, State of Tennessee Portal, are there any special requirements?**
   Proposers need to have an Employer Identification Number (EIN), TaxID Number, along with a Tennessee address and other demographic and personnel information. The Portal is not connected to grants.gov (Announcement of Funding, pages 14-15), the federal governments grant application website.

5. **Does the proposed Project Name need to match exactly to one of the Core Strategies or Approved Uses in Attachment A?**
   No, the proposed Project Name does not need to match exactly to one of the Core Strategies or Approved Uses in Attachment A. Please submit the application with a Project Name that best identifies the project. Once in the Portal, the Proposer will select from a dropdown menu the sections from the Approved Uses that best match the project.

6. **What are the allowable timeframes for funding?**
   All Proposers have the options to select 1 year, 2 years or 3 years for the funding timeframe for the project (Announcement of Funding, page 4).

7. **How much funding is available for in this first cycle of Community Grants**?
   The Opioid Abatement Council has not set a maximum funding amount for each approved application (Announcement of Funding, page 4) nor a total funding amount for the 2024 grant cycle. As of May 2023, there is approximately $78,871,342.86 in the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund.

8. **When will application be reviewed and does early submission provide any advantage?**
   The process for reviewing applications will begin after the portal closes on October 9, 2023. There are no advantages for submitting applications early.

9. **Will the Announcement of Funds be released annually?**
   The Opioid Abatement Council plans to release an Announcement of Funding for Community grants at least annually, as long as there are available funds in the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund (Announcement of Funds, page 5).

10. **How can we determine if my agency has the right license and certification to qualify for the grant funding?**
    The Opioid Abatement Council does not determine what license and certification an agency needs to provide services as that is a function of regulatory agencies. In order to be eligible for the Community Grant, Proposers must meet all the requirements in the Announcement of Funding. (Announcement of Funding, pages 6-7).

11. **Can a Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) provide treatment services with funds from the Community Grant as these agencies are not licensed by TDMHSAS or TDOH?**
    Thank you for bringing this to our attention. This matter will be discussed at the August 22, 2023 Opioid Abatement Council meeting. We anticipate a decision to be made on that day and will update our response to this FAQ accordingly. We encourage all applicants to continue to monitor the FAQs throughout the application process for any additional updates.

12. **How do I know which strategy my project/s fit into?**
    The Opioid Abatement Council has provided a document that organizes the Remediation List (the Schedule A Core Strategies and Schedule B Approved uses) into 6 categories (Primary Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Education/Training, Recovery Support, Research/Evaluation of Abatement Strategy Efficacy). The Proposer then must determine which category their project fits into. The Remediation List can be found at the following link: Remediation List Strategies.

13. **Do the people receiving services need to be uninsured or have Medicaid, etc.?**
Opioid Abatement Community Grant Funds shall be the payor of last resort for program development and services (as outlined in the Tennessee's Opioid Abatement & Remediation Uses in Attachment A) when and where applicable (Announcement of Funding, page 2). People receiving services from the Community Grant Funds do not need to be in a certain payor category such as uninsured, Medicaid, etc.

14. **Can my agency subcontract with other agencies while using the Community Grant funding?**
Contracts for Community Grants are between the Opioid Abatement Council and the Proposer. Any submitted application should specify if the intent is to subcontract with other agencies. The decision to allow an agency to subcontract is in the sole discretion of the Opioid Abatement Council.

15. **Does an application for expansion of recovery navigation services require an in-hospital Medication Assisted Treatment component?**
In order to be eligible for this grant, Proposers must meet all the requirements in the Announcement of Funding. We encourage applicants to collaborate with existing programs when appropriate.

16. **Will the Opioid Abatement Community Grants support an ODMAP connection at the local level?**
The Opioid Abatement Council will review all applications based upon proven evidence-based models for all programs and projects.

17. **For contingency management programs, will the use of funds from the Community Grants be guided by SAMHSA publications?**
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